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City optimistic after closing of Energizer plant

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The recent closing of the Energizer battery production plant in Maryville brought talks of a depleting economy and rising unemployment to the city.

As with most stories, different perspectives focus on different aspects of the same reality.

During the year leading up to the plant's closing, set to finalize at the end of December, Nodaway County Economic Development and the Maryville Career Center assisted employees facing unemployment with job training and support.

Despite the struggles unemployed workers now face, confidence is high that leaders will shortly fill the void created by Energizer's departure.

"Nodaway County Economic Development Team is working day and night to find a company to replace Energizer," City Councilman Glen Jonagan said. "The way they're approaching this is that there's so many square feet available for use. It could be an assembly plant. It could be a company with a need for storage. Decreased consumer spending is also a consequence of the plant's closing.

"Three hundred laid off would mean another 150 jobs would be potentially lost in retail and services," said Mark Jelavich, retired professor of economics. "Most of the workers lived outside Maryville proper, which dissipates some of the impact. Kawasaki has been hiring some people. There have also been migrations to Kansas City and Omaha in search of good jobs.

"However, Maryville is diversified enough that the Energizer plant closing won't be fatal to the community itself."

A Nov. 8, 2012 news release posted on the NCED's website said, "As a team of community leaders, we will work with the company through the workforce and facility transition. At this time and in the future, our response team's primary focus is on the affected workers, their families and ensuring support and training is provided."

The news release also acknowledges that the roughly 310 employees would receive severance packages upon separation from the company.

Lee Langerock, a certified economic development finance professional, recently resigned as director from the NCED and took a position in Independence. Because of this, the NCED was unavailable for comment at the time of publication.

Some think Energizer's decision indicates a positive shift in the direction of sustainability.

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Spoofhounds bring title back to the 'Ville



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(Top) The 2013 Maryville Spoofhounds hoist their Class 3 State Championship trophy following the 50-28 win over Seneca at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. (Above) A crew of Spoofhounds walk off the field with the trophy. It is Maryville's fourth state championship in school history.

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Confidence is a powerful weapon. For a high school football team with 29 straight wins and a Class 3 trophy already under its belt, it felt like a second straight title was almost inevitable for a team that described itself as a "freight train."

Throughout this season's high school football stretch, Maryville head coach Matt Webb said multiple times confidence is fragile, especially for teenage athletes. After two full seasons without a loss and most of the wins beyond convincing, it's apparent that the Spoofhounds' confidence, swagger, certainty, whatever you want to call it, never wavered.

"It feels pretty awesome to be defending state champions," Webb said. " ... After last year's team, you graduate 22 seniors. That was an awesome moment.

"Immediately as a coach you start thinking about the next year, and these guys just took that role that we're gonna take it one game at a time and win the day and all those slogans we say. I'm extremely proud."

Maryville's 50-28 wreck of a Class 3 State Championship win over Seneca Nov. 30 encaps-

ulated the last two years and 30 games- specifically the final play.

After three Indian touchdowns in the last five minutes to bring the score to a semi-respectable 44-28, Seneca attempted a ditch-effort onside kick with 10 seconds remaining.

The game was over, the title all but in Maryville's hands and no questions remained- but even when an answer wasn't necessary, junior slotback Payden Dawson and the Spoofhounds provided one, just as they have the last 15 months. It wasn't the most important play of the year, but without a doubt, it was the most fitting.

Dawson snared the caroming onside attempt off a few bounces and angled his way to the Maryville sideline before weaving all the way back across the face of the final two Seneca defenders to find the far corner of the end zone. It wasn't a knockout haymaker - that came sometime in the second quarter - but rather a finishing body shot to anyone left in the way of the Spoofhound train.

"Like coach Webb said last year in the half-time (speech), momentum is huge, and when you've got your foot on their throat, you can't

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...Kim Jong-Il was still alive	...LeBron didn't have a ring



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Many students, such as senior Praveen Reddy, take advantage of the Safe Ride Home program. The service runs from Wednesday through Saturday and starts at 4 PM.

Safe Ride seeking feedback to begin efficiency updates

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Northwest's Safe Ride Home program transports nearly 10,000 students every year to any destination they wish within Maryville limits. Though the program has provided a unique and successful service to students, leaders of the program are evaluating ways to improve its efficiency.

Since 2004, Safe Ride has provided students the courtesy of receiving free rides around town, sober or not, to their favorite destinations. From Molly's to Wal-Mart, Safe Ride's minivans have been a popular choice for Northwest's students.

When the program announced the addition of the Safe Ride Shuttle this fall, they thought they had reached perfection, but they soon realized there is always room for improvement. As University Police Chief Clarence Green and Project and Communication's Director Monica McCullough discuss the future of the program, they have some ideas in mind.

"Our goal is to maximize the efficiency of the semester both in terms of usage as well as financial efficiencies," McCullough said. "What we're looking at is how do we make improvements to the program while we

stay in tune with what students want."

A 75-cent fee per credit hour is paid by each student to fund the Safe Ride program. With nearly 400 students taking advantage of the three minivans and one shuttle provided, surely the program has enough money. This isn't entirely true.

"It's hard to determine how we're going to spend our resources to run both," Green said. "We know the shuttle is the most efficient program to run, and we will need to increase funding if we continue the taxis."

Though Green is happy with the program's support and success, he isn't happy with how inefficient running both services is.

"Currently, our wait times average at 25 minutes, and that's just not satisfactory," Green said. "With the vehicles we have, to meet those expectations, our best choice would be to increase the funding so we can reach those goals. But we know a shuttle is the most efficient way."

According to Green, there has been talk again amongst the city about another possible debate in increasing the bar age and open container laws since the Missourian wrote an article about the rise in minor in possession charges. Green knows if this were to

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Bearcat football playoff run brings city big business

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When the lights go out, the seats are emptied and the locker room doors are shut, the buzz from Bearcat football games does not wane.

"We have one of the greatest home-game atmospheres in Division II football," said Mel Tjeersdema, athletics director for Northwest. "Most importantly, it becomes an advantage to play at home (because of) our fans."

The fans who feel like part of the team do much more than motivate first downs, such as supporting local business.

"This is Northwest; it is Bearcat country," said Chris Wiltfong, Hy-Vee store director. "Fans are having people over and partying (so home games) help business quite a bit."

Wiltfong and the rest of the store's employees put many hours and preparation into tailgating this fall as a grocer sponsor of the University.

Hy-Vee is only one of several businesses in town that feeds off of University athletics. Others, such as Jock's Nitch and The Student Body, support the team and fans that wear their enthusiasm.

The remainder of the playoff games will be hosted in Maryville, should the team continue their winning streak. People are eager for the Bearcats' performance in their 10th straight NCAA Division II playoff appearance and to see those wins celebrated on home turf.

The Student Body has been able to benefit from both the Bearcats' and Spoofhounds' winning seasons. With games closer to the holiday shopping season, apparel becomes a more popular choice than when teams are losing.

"It's always hard to sell a second-place shirt," said Jim Goecken, co-owner of The Student Body. In the early 90s the staff was a bit overwhelmed with a winning rush. After 22 years of business, they know what to expect during a playoff season.

"We haven't had a home playoff



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Junior running back Robert Burton tries to elude a Minnesota-Duluth defender Nov. 30. The Bearcats' playoff run has been economically beneficial to Maryville.

game in December for years," Goecken said. "It is huge to have it in town now."

In their new location, The Student Body is accessible to game day traffic. They also produce warm-up gear and apparel for the team.

"There might be some issues since the games are so late in the year," Goecken said. "The national championships are right on top of Christmas, and the student body may leave right after classes."

It is true that some students may find their way home once finals are done, but that will not keep many die-

hard fans from showing their support.

"The [playoffs] are exciting, and they give us all something to look forward to," senior Bryant Kurtz said. "The team gets to sleep at home, and the fans become the biggest part [of that advantage]."

When the team is awake, people come to see them in action. Though a potential national title is close to the holidays, businesses such as Hy-Vee and The Student Body suspect the crowds will still be a major, if not the most important part of game day and the days to follow.

MARYVILLE WINS 4TH FOOTBALL STATE TITLE



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1. Senior cornerback Dalton Pistole intercepts Seneca quarterback Payton Rawlins in the third quarter of the Nov. 30 Class 3 State Championship.
2. A swarm of Spoofhound defensive linemen take down Seneca running back Braxton Graham in the backfield.
3. Junior running back Brody McMahon sticks the ball across the goal line as he flies out of bounds to convert a two-point attempt after a Maryville.
4. McMahon brings down a circus catch from senior quarterback Trent Nally before scooting the rest of the way to the end zone for a score.
5. Maryville celebrating its fourth state title in school after defeating Seneca 50-28 at the Edward Jones Dome.
6. Sophomore running back Dakota Beemer tries to escape the clutches of an Indian defender. Beemer carried 11 times for 63 yards and a score.
7. The Maryville players walk to the Spoofhound cheerleaders and fans following the state championship victory.
8. Spoofhound head coach Matt Webb sending in a play call during the championship game. Webb is 30-0 in his career at the helm.
9. Senior linebacker John Schenkel takes down Graham on a Seneca rushing attempt. Schenkel finished with nine tackles and two tackles for loss.
10. The Spoofhounds hoist their second consecutive Missouri Class 3 State Championship trophy after finishing the 2013 season a perfect 15-0.

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BEARCATS’ QUEST FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCE STAYS ALIVE



Senior wide receiver Jason Jozaites tries to tip-toe along the sideline during Northwest’s 45-21 NCAA second-round win over Minnesota Duluth Nov. 30.

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adversity at no fault of their own, it was the boys with a symbolic letter ‘M’ on the side of their helmets.

“We adopted something back toward the middle of the season—Maryville Pride,” head coach Matt Webb said following the state championship win. “There was a lot of things that came out of Maryville, Mo. that sometimes our community was not shown in the best light ... For me personally, being from the community and being blessed and honored to be able to be the head football coach and help continue a proud tradition, I can’t say enough about it.”

Webb didn’t specify what his comments were about, but you can only imagine—being No. 1 in the state carries enough weight to knock teams from their perch, let alone unwarranted legal attention.

Some people, many not involved with Maryville at all, named the football team as a scapegoat in the alleged rape of a former Maryville student via social media and the web, though none of this year’s players were a part of the alleged events at all. In fact, this season’s seniors were sophomores at the time. A lot of other members of this year’s team were in middle school.

Just a few days after the case made national news, the Spoofhounds defeated rival Savannah 28-9, finally giving those in the stands a reason to smile again.

Parents and townspeople alike now not only have cause to smile, but justification to rejoice in their hometown team’s undeniable successes following a thrashing of Seneca at the Edward Jones Dome.

As for the Bearcats, they’re doing their best on an even greater stage. A noon kickoff this Saturday brings NCAA Quarterfinal action to Maryville for the first time since 2010 against Central Missouri.

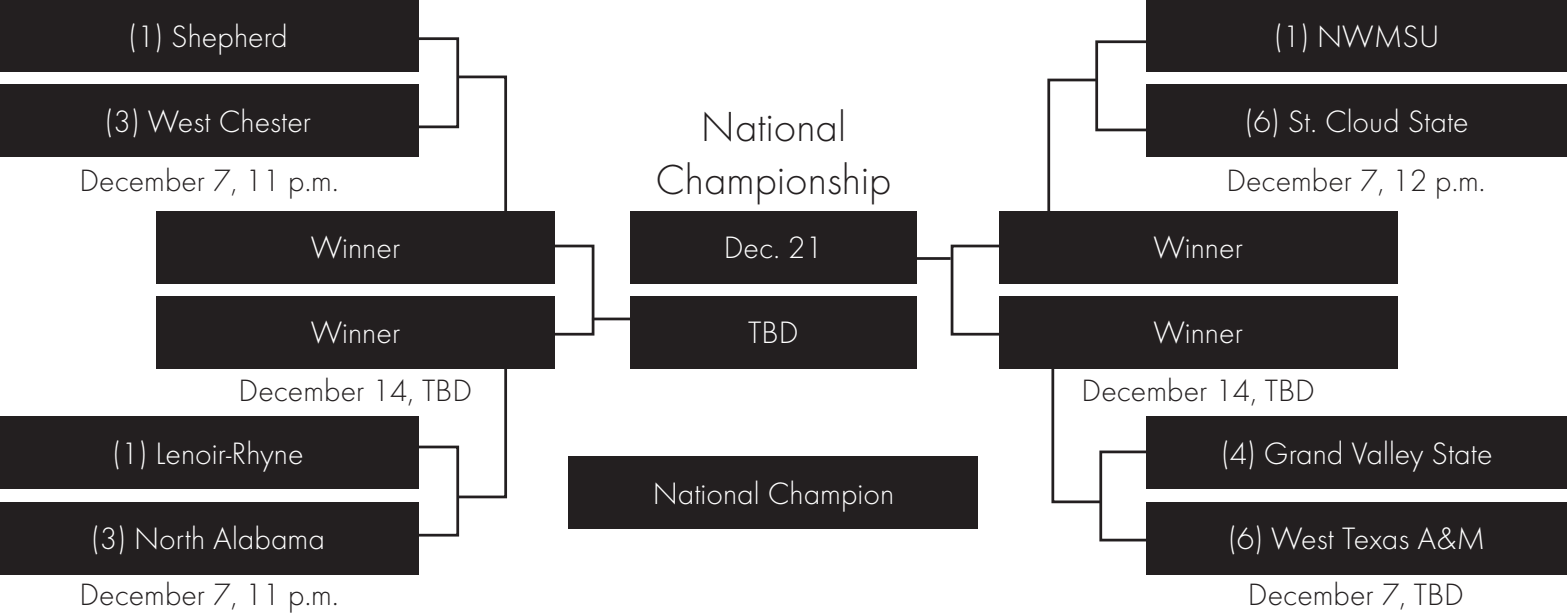
While the rape case lays in wait for its new prosecutor to decipher the next action, every game Northwest wins provides another week of distraction from what was once unthinkable.

The Bearcats are three wins away from bringing home a trophy they haven’t held since 2009—and to be honest, we’re spoiled rotten to expect another national title that quick. But a championship would bring much more to Maryville than bragging rights and something to add to the welcome sign on Highway 71 just south of town.

A second football championship for our town wouldn’t quite transform us back into a utopia of 11,000 people, but that sense of reality—the ability to feel—might just return with the Division II crown we all yearn.

I think I speak for a majority when I say thank you to Matt Webb, Adam Dorrel and all of the assistant coaches and players for giving us cause to celebrate again.

Division II football playoff bracket



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NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays.....	7-0	0-0
Washburn.....	7-0	0-0
Central Mo.....	6-1	0-0
Central Okla.....	6-1	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	5-1	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	6-2	0-0
Northeastern St.....	5-2	0-0
Emporia St.....	6-3	0-0
Mo. Western.....	5-3	0-0
Lindenwood.....	4-4	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	4-4	0-0
Pitt. St.....	3-3	0-0
Nebraska Kearny.....	2-2	0-0
Lincoln.....	2-6	0-0

Dec. 7:
Emporia St at NORTHWEST
Fort Hays at Mo. Western
Central Okla.. at Lincoln
Washburn at Mo. Southern

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	7-0	0-0
Fort Hays.....	5-0	0-0
Central Mo.....	6-1	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	5-1	0-0
Central Okla.....	5-2	0-0
Lindenwood.....	4-2	0-0
Mo. Western.....	4-2	0-0
Washburn.....	4-2	0-0
Pitt. St.....	5-3	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	3-2	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	3-3	0-0
Lincoln.....	3-4	0-0
Northeastern St.....	3-4	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	2-4	0-0

Dec. 7:
Emporia St. at NORTHWEST
Fort Hays at Mo. Western
Central Okla. at Lincoln
Washburn at Mo. Southern

MHS BOYS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Savannah.....	1-0	0-0
Cameron.....	1-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	1-0	0-0
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
Benton.....	1-1	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-1	0-0
Bishop LeBlond.....	0-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-1	0-0

Dec. 5:
Bishop LeBlond v. MARYVILLE

MHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Bishop LeBlond.....	1-0	0-0
Lafayette.....	1-0	0-0
Benton.....	1-0	0-0
Savannah.....	0-1	0-0
Chillicothe.....	0-0	0-0
MARYVILLE.....	0-1	0-0
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0

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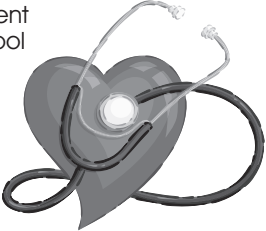
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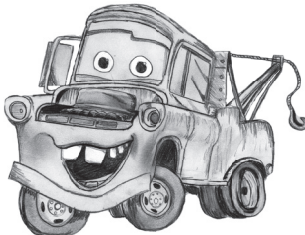
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During the fall senior Brendan Weybrew plays offensive line for the Spoofhounds, but during the winter he is a state qualifier in the heavyweight class.

Dual sport athletes transition from field to wrestling mat

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With football season ending with a second consecutive state championship, the Maryville wrestling team can now prepare for its season. Spoofhound wrestling added 20 football state champions to the team this week, and they would like to bring the same winning persona from the football team to the wrestling team. "Us being the older ones, we get a lot of pressure put on us to go get pins and get it done fast," senior Brendan Weybrew said. "(We) got to set a good example and provide leadership." Transitioning from football to wrestling season can present some challenges for various reasons. "In football you want to be bulky," senior Dane Hull said. "Obviously, you need to have speed, and it's a big man's game. In wrestling, obviously, there is weight classes and everything. Flexibility is a big issue as well as cardio. It's kind of a mindset thing too. " Weybrew does not have to worry as much about cutting weight because he is a heavyweight wrestler. The 2012 fourth-place heavyweight wrestler weighs 15 pounds less than he did last season, and he does not plan on gaining the weight back. The heavyweight class ranges from 215 to 285 pounds.

Hull weighed 170 during football season and wrestles at the 152 pound weight class. "It is probably the worst thing ever," Hull said. "It is the hardest thing you will ever do I think. People don't get it. It's the hardest thing." Head coach Joe Drake is not as concerned with his wrestlers getting back to their wrestling weight as his students might be. "A lot of them don't weigh what's on the football roster because they already lost some weight during the season with workouts and competing," Drake said. "They also are kind of inflated weight in football, which they need to be because they need to stay extra hydrated. When they come out for wrestling, they start eating what we call a healthy diet." Drake gave the option for the incoming football players to come in Wednesday, but the athletes elected not to take any days off. Even with the football players missing nearly a month of practice, Drake was only concerned with the young athletes coming in late. "The biggest challenge comes from the freshmen," Drake said. "We got to get them caught up with the rest of the kids as quick as possible because competitions are right around the corner."

Girls drop opening game on road

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The Maryville girls' basketball team couldn't overcome its inexperience falling to Chillicothe in its season opener in the Savannah Tournament. The Hornets took down the Spoofhounds 54-28 in the first round of the tournament due to Maryville's inability to maintain possession. "Chillicothe jumped us pretty good. We got into foul trouble early and had too many unforced turnovers in the first half," head coach Grant Hageman said. "I would like to think that it was first game jitters and the nerves just got to us. Regardless of the nerves, we have to do a better job holding onto the ball and eliminating the unforced turnovers." Led by three seniors, one junior and a platoon of sophomores, Hageman was able to get his underclassmen playing time due to the lopsided score. "It was a learning curve for the sophomores as they were finally able to get a feel of how the game is played at the varsity level," Hageman said. "The team as a whole plays very well together, and they all get along great, which will help with team improvements throughout the season." The 'Hounds play tonight against non-MEC foe Platte County at 5 p.m. in the second round. Having little time to prepare their opponent, Hageman has his team focusing on not beating themselves. "The focus for the game has to be on the fundamentals of the games and reducing the amount of unforced turnovers. Every turnover we created leads to easy points for the opponent, and that makes it harder for our team to bounce back from them," Hageman said. "We have spent more time working on fundamentals than we have on anything else, so I'm hoping that the girls got their nerves out of the way and start buying in through the good and the bad." This early-season tournament



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior guard Chelsea Byland makes her move to the basket in a game last season. The Spoofhounds dropped their first game of 2013 against Chillicothe.

can be a real grind on a young team, and with fatigue setting in, that endurance is put to test. "It all comes down to how the team handles the effects of being physically and mentally tired," Hageman said. "There are going to be ups and downs throughout the season, and if we can handle them and continue to play for each other and hammer away, then we are going to get back to being a competitive team."

Boys struggle to find offense in opener

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A young Maryville team experienced plenty of growing pains in its 51-15 loss to Savannah Monday. The lopsided score was due to a number of things, head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. The football players only having one day off after their championship run, which allowed only one practice as a full squad, was a factor in the outcome. "The kids were tired and still sore from the (state championship) game; they still needed some rest," Kuwitzky said. "We had to throw them in the fire with no time off." It is also a new team Kuwitzky is putting on the court.

After losing a bulk of the scoring and rebounding from a season ago, Kuwitzky is looking for other players to rise to the occasion and adapt to a new role. "We lost a lot of our scoring and rebounding from last year," Kuwitzky said. "We lost about 85-90 percent of our scoring from those guys (who graduated last year)." Despite the loss, Kuwitzky's students stayed within the scheme, playing unselfish basketball. "They were trying to work within our philosophy, really work for good shots. Shot selection is important to us," Kuwitzky said. Go to www.nwmissourinews.com tonight for the results of the Spoofhounds second-round matchup.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



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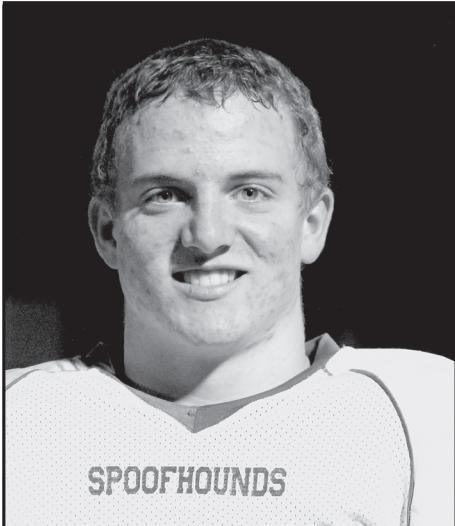
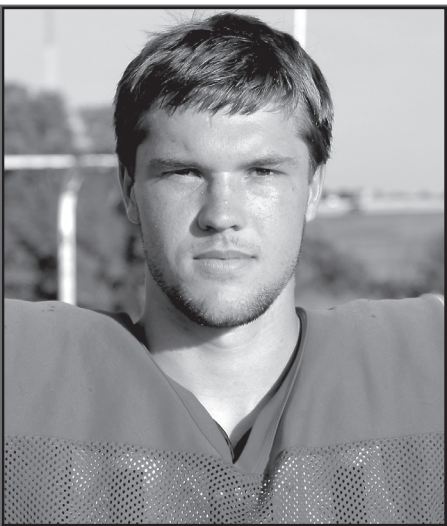
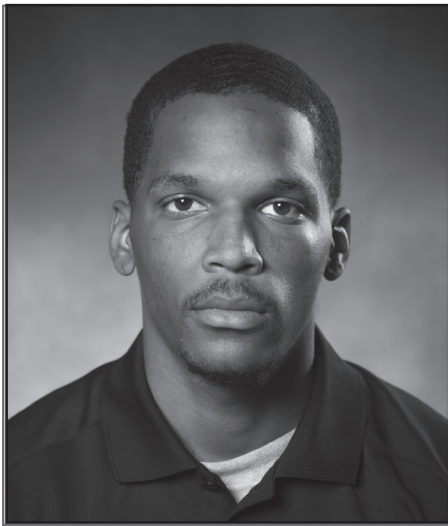


Reuben Thomas

Shelby Mustain

Trent Nally

Brody McMahon



Junior wide receiver Reuben Thomas led the Bearcat offense against Minnesota Duluth with eight catches for 154 yards and a touchdown in the NCAA second round 45-21 win.

Freshman forward Shelby Mustain recorded a double-double in her first game starting for Northwest, pulling down 10 rebounds to go with her 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting.

Senior quarterback Trent Nally racked up 64 rushing yards, 96 passing yards, four total touchdowns and 5.5 tackles defensively to lead Maryville to a Class 3 State Championship.

Junior running back Brody McMahon continued his personal dominance at the Edward Jones Dome Nov. 30 with 212 offensive yards and two scores in the 50-28 win over Seneca.

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Haer looking to vault to national champion status

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Already an MIAA champion, senior Will Haer is looking to claim more than a conference title—his sights are set on a national championship.

Haer wants to build on a stellar junior campaign where he was the MIAA pole vault champion with a vault of 16 feet 3.5 inches but failed to clear the opening height of 15 feet 9 inches at the NCAA Outdoor National Championships.

“I had a great last season,” Haer said. “I won conference, but I didn’t do so well at nationals. So, this season I just want to come back and hopefully repeat conference and be an All-American and get that in the belt. I guess that’s the next step.”

Even with Haer’s successful junior year, head coach Scott Lorek still sees places he can improve in his final season as a Bearcat.

“He is still a work in progress.” Lorek said, “He will tell you that he is not real satisfied with what he did at the national meet. Most of his struggles come from a mixture of confidence and focus. Those are the main things. He just needs to focus on keeping his mind straight and not getting distracted with other competitors.”

Despite his showing at the national championship, Haer has shown that he is able to compete at a high level when it matters most.

“I think the biggest thing that he has learned how to do is how to compete in pressure situations and compete at big meets—like at national championships and conference championships,” Lorek said. “In track and field, you can do one thing, then things can be a lot different when you get into a different situation.”

Along with putting up points every meet, Lorek says Haer brings different attributes that cannot be seen on paper.

“He has been a great athlete and a great personality in our team and our program.” Lorek said, “It’s been exciting, for him to come from the little town of Craig, Mo., and be successful. He has been so much fun to have in our program, and he has been very successful for us.”

Haer is the standout of the vaulters, but enjoys watching his fellow male athletes succeed in field events.

“I would say that the guys’ team gets along very well.” Haer said, “It’s always high energy and a lot of fun, especially the vault team, and we help each other out. It’s not so much a team sport with pole vaulting, but it’s fun just to watch each other improve.”

Haer will begin his pursuit of another MIAA pole vaulting championship Dec. 7 at the Bob Timmons Challenge in Lawrence, Kan.

Women open conference play with Pitt. State rematch

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With conference play commencing tonight for the Northwest women’s basketball team, the team finds itself in a much better place than two weeks ago.

After starting the season 0-3, the Bearcats (2-4) enter tonight’s MIAA opener against Pittsburg State (5-3) winning two of their last three games, with the only loss coming to the Gorillas in a nonconference matchup Nov. 24.

Although Northwest outshot Pittsburg in the 51-44 loss, the Gorillas dominated on the glass and in forcing turnovers, winning that pair of categories 45-33 and 24-16, respectively.

“We turned the ball over 24 times; that’s never a good statistic,” head coach Michael Smith said. “Our turnovers and we gave up too many offensive rebounds to Pitt.”

“(The loss to Pittsburg) is pretty fresh on our minds. Also, the way we lost; our kids understand that we basically gave that game away ... I think this is a good way for us to start off conference. Hopefully have a little vengeance, a little chip on our shoulder to be able to get back at them.”

The Bearcats’ two wins in that stretch came against Kansas Wesleyan and College of St. Mary Nov. 22 and Nov. 30, both at home.

After its trio of losses to open the season, Northwest seems to be finding a groove in Smith’s new offensive system.

“We’ve got a couple new people

It’s the start of a new season for us ... Our kids are starting to believe a little bit in what we’re talking about, and I see the mold starting to fit a little bit.

Michael Smith

in the starting lineup right now,” Smith said. “We’re still trying to decide what’s going to work well for us, from a coaching staff. I think we’re definitely on the right track.”

One move that sparked Northwest’s recent success was a change in the starting five against College of St. Mary that moved sophomore guard Tember Schechinger to a sixth-man role in favor of freshman forward Shelby Mustain, adding size and rebounding to the opening rotation.

“We’ve got a really good starting five, six players that we can throw in there at any time,” Smith said. “The thing that we really lacked was that spark off the bench ... I felt like the last few games we dropped off in some ways.”

“We brought Tember off the bench, and we had the best performance we’ve had out of Tember to date, I thought.”

Another sharp improvement has

come on the defensive end. After allowing opposing totals of 68, 91 and 84 points in the first three games, Northwest has not allowed more than 57 in any of the last three contests.

Schechinger finished with eight points on 3-of-6 shooting with three rebounds. Smith hopes the move to a bigger starting lineup will take pressure off junior forward Annie Mathews, who previously was the only starter averaging more than four rebounds per game.

Junior guard Ariel Easton, Northwest’s leading scorer through the first six games, led the way again with 19 points on 6-of-13 shooting from the floor.

The victory also saw an increase in production from Mustain, who garnered a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Tipoff is slated for 5:30 tonight at Bearcat Arena for Northwest’s MIAA opener against Pittsburg State.

The Bearcats follow it up with a 5:30 p.m. contest Saturday at home against No. 3 Emporia State following the Northwest football game.

The Hornets are fourth in scoring offense, second in scoring defense and second in rebounding in the MIAA.

“It’ll be nice playing at home,” Smith said. “Conference game, both teams are 0-0 in conference—that’s the way we look at it right now. It’s the start of a new season for us ... Our kids are starting to believe a little bit in what we’re talking about, and I see the mold starting to fit a little bit.”



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard Denise McEnaney tosses a pass to the corner after drawing two defenders. Northwest is 2-4 after starting the season on a three-game losing streak.

Wrestling club sets lofty goals for upcoming season

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Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

The Northwest wrestling club looks to use quality, not quantity when it comes to competing this season.

Second-year head coach Daniel Jennings has 12 athletes in his club this year, but still sets the bar at national heights.

“Being a head coach, you always have high expectations for your guys to succeed,” Jennings said. “You want them to go to conference and win. And you want them to go to nationals and win. But you also have to be aware that we are just a club, and we just do it because we love the sport. There is nothing to gain from it other than personal satisfaction.”

Jennings will lean on a couple of the club’s proven upperclassmen to reach the goals he has set for his team.

Senior Travis Peter qualified at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association the past three years. Jennings referred to the NCWA as an emerging program in Division II.

“If he got into a program, he would be quite a contender, I feel like,” Jennings said. “He’s got some pretty good talent.”

Jennings also expects junior Alex Freund to have a bounce-back year after qualifying for NCWA two years ago but failing to do so last year.

“He’s looking pretty good,” Jennings said. “He just barely missed it last year. I think this year he is definitely going to be up there.”

Being just a club represents its challenges as well with everything being optional. Jennings acknowledges that they are still students and not on scholarship.

“We’re just a club,” Jennings said. “I can’t really require any commitment in the offseason or even during the season. Like I said (Tuesday), only one guy showed up (to practice), and I can’t really do anything about it because it’s just a club, and they are here just because they enjoy it.”

Although Jennings’ team is just a club, it is getting its fair share of competition. The club recently wrestled an open tournament at Lindenwood with collegiate programs such as University of Missouri and Oklahoma State University.

“They had their starters there, so we see some pretty caliber teams that are legit teams, considering we are just a club,” Jennings said. “So we definitely see some good competition going to these open tournaments.”

The club does have open tournaments, conference and nationals to look forward to, but Jennings is a little disappointed they couldn’t get a home duel scheduled. In order to schedule a home duel, the club has to work around the basketball team’s schedule and have to borrow wrestling mats from the high school.

“We tried to set one up but that kind of fell through,” Jennings said. “The team we tried to set one up with fell apart and doesn’t really have a team anymore. Kind of disappointing, but it takes a lot to get a meet here because of the lack of wrestling facilities.”

In all of the past three seasons, the club has finished in the top three in conference, including one conference championship. The club always has national qualifiers, but Jennings wants the team as a whole to move past conference and win it all.

“We are a club that’s capable of winning a national championship because we have done it before,” Jennings said.

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MIKEY LAWRENCE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior running back Billy Creason avoids being tripped up by a Minnesota-Duluth defender in Northwest's first-round playoff win on Nov. 30 at Bearcat Stadium.

'Cats prepare for unfamiliar quarterfinal matchup

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After the Bearcats lined up in the victory formation to close out a playoff win against Minnesota-Duluth, people throughout the Division II football world assumed another matchup with postseason rival Minnesota State Mankato was on the horizon, but the Mavericks will remain up North after falling to No. 6-seed St. Cloud State.

There is no long-standing playoff rivalry here, rather just two programs looking for another playoff win and a chance to take the field in Florence.

Despite its seeding, St. Cloud has knocked off two undefeated teams,

Henderson State and Minnesota State Mankato, to create its matchup with Northwest at noon Saturday at Bearcat Stadium.

"I wouldn't say it was a letdown, but there were some guys that had that mindset," senior offensive guard Jake Scarbo said. "At the same time, we are focused on controlling what we can control. St. Cloud played their butts off against Mankato, so we have to be ready for everything they got."

"The coaches really try to put it into our minds that each team is going to be better than the last. We just try not to pay attention to the statistical rankings and prepare the best we can for the next opponent."

The Huskies are led by one of the

top quarterbacks in Division II, senior Phillip Klaphake, who is able to feast off the read-option with his legs and has lit up secondaries across the nation with 30 touchdown passes along with 3,379 yards.

"He's truly a dual-threat quarterback," head coach Adam Dorrel said. "I think he is one of the best players in the country in Division II. I'm not real versed with where the Harlon Hill is right now, but I'm just telling you—knowing Division II football a long time—just watching the kid, he's one of the best players left in Division II football right now."

In its matchup against Duluth, the Northwest front seven was focused on stopping the potent rushing

attack, and it succeeded by holding the Bulldogs to 97 rushing yards.

This week will be a change of pace as the secondary will be relied on to stop the aerial assault St. Cloud brings to the table.

"They are going to go after you and are really good with play-action passes," Dorrel said. "The big thing we have to do is limit their big plays. In their two playoffs wins, man they're really hurting people with that right now."

On defense, St. Cloud sports its own ball-hawking secondary and brings multiple defensive sets. Being a veteran signal caller, Dorrel believes Adams' experience behind center will be integral to the success of the of-

fense.

"I think, obviously, we're going to rely on him, and his experience in the playoffs can help in a game like this," Dorrel said. "He's like the rest of the guys on offense; we have to play smart football and take care of the ball."

While St. Cloud is on the hunt for its first national championship, the Bearcats are back on the dominating road that led them to Maryville in the first place.

"It's very humbling, actually," Scarbo said. "When we first got here, we had the blueprint laid out for us on what it takes to get to this point. Now that we are here, we are really focused on finishing."

St. Cloud State's stats on the season

30

sacks

11

rushing touchdowns by Klaphake

24

interceptions

97

tackles for Poggenburg

40.8

points per game

Men give up halftime leads, begin MIAA play

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Despite originating in another sport, former Kansas City Chiefs head coach Herm Edwards' epic "you play to win the game" post-game tirade has resonated with the Northwest men's basketball team as it struggles to close out tight games early in the season.

Although it had 10-point leads in games over No. 3 Drury and Truman State this past weekend, Northwest could not hang on to the lead, and head coach Ben McCollum described it as playing not to lose, rather than to win.

"We played really well both games," McCollum said. "I think in the Drury game that we outplayed them. Obviously, the score doesn't indicate that, but the final three minutes of the game, we played well. Truman State, (it was) the same thing. We get really protective of our leads and a lot of times when you protect things like that, it comes back to haunt you."

"We're getting huge leads. We have to understand that just because you build that lead and at the point realize we're better than this team and we should get that game, that's not how it works. Once you realize that, you better bury them."

The Bearcats' record sits at 4-4 this season, and according to McCollum, they are playing the basketball that he has seen in his tenure as head coach. But if you would have told any of the players they would be sitting at .500 at this point in the season, they would have been disappointed.

"It's kinda mixed feelings because if you would have told us at the beginning of the season that we would be here with four losses, we

would have been kind of mad," senior center Kyle Schlake said. "We've just got to clean things up in the second half and those losses will go away. You'll see us playing good, and the record will show it."

A small, bright spot of in the struggle during the early portion of the season is that McCollum has been able to identify some flaws in his squad's game before it heads into conference play.

"It helps expose us playing that tough of a schedule," McCollum said. "We've probably played, at least in our conference, the toughest schedule. They expose some of your offense and some of your defense because every team schemes a little bit differently. So we've seen it all at this point. There's nothing that is going to surprise us."

Senior forward Dillon Starzl has been dominant throughout the first eight games, averaging 17.5 points per game, but has been negated at the end of games due to foul trouble. With the new hand-check rule implemented by the NCAA, defenders tend to get beat off the dribble, leaving the bigs as the last line of defense.

"The biggest difference I've noticed in the post is that there are more attempts at blocked shots," Schlake said. "Guys are having more trouble because they have to move their feet instead of using an arm bar. A lot of times they are letting the guy go by because they are fearful of the foul."

Northwest will try to bounce back from a winless weekend in its first MIAA game of the season at 7:30 tonight in Bearcat Arena against 3-3 Pittsburg State.

The Gorillas have three players averaging double digits in the young season.

Guards Jake Bullard and Sam



KAYLA MEPPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior guard DeShaun Cooper rises up between two defenders in a Nov. 20 96-50 route of Baker University. Cooper scored 10 points the first home game of the year.

Pugh combine for 30 points per game while University of Oregon transfer Devon Branch is putting up 23.7 points per game in his three contests this season.

"After coming off of this week-

end with two losses, I definitely feel as though our team is really hungry," junior forward Grant Cozad said. "We're going to come out and play Pitt. State to the best of our abilities, and I'm confident in our team."

Maryville can thank football programs for needed normalcy

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Asst. Sports Editor



After a tumultuous and, frankly, surreal past few months in Maryville, football is taking on an even more important role than usual.

For over a decade now, America's favorite game—and it's just that, a game—provided jubilant glee to an otherwise, well, boring Midwest municipality. But in the aftermath of unfortunate circumstances, football is bringing a little normalcy back to our quaint college town.

Since the final few days of August, we've had a professor resign from Northwest because of a Facebook post that went beyond inappropriate, a rape case return to the forefront and an on-campus suicide.

For as much as we—every resident in Maryville, not just college students—have fallen in love with the place we call home, and deservedly so, we've seen too many CNN trucks for all the wrong reasons.

The things that have taken place here over the course of the last four months aren't to be taken lightly, and in no way can an athletic team wipe our minds clean of the disastrous events—nor should it. But sometimes we just need a little positivity, one ray of hope, to get us through the times we wish would never have happened.

The Spoofhounds just won their second consecutive state title Saturday and 30th straight game in the process. If there was anyone facing

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Jasinski family holds holiday lighting



MIKEY LAWRENCE | NW MISSOURIAN
Northwest President John Jasinski and his family hosted the fifth annual holiday tree lighting at the Thomas J. Gaunt House Dec. 3.

Increase in internationals seen across nation, campus

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The U.S. draws a steady increase of international students, and some of the national trends are mirrored at Northwest.

According to a survey conducted by the Institute of International Education, the average growth of international students at schools in the U.S. responding to the survey was 13 percent. China contributes the most international students with a 7 percent increase from last year.

China is one of the countries Northwest gets most of its international students from. According to Jeffrey Foot, director of International Affairs, the largest percentage of international students at Northwest come from China, India and Korea.

“It’s overwhelming in the beginning because it’s so different. It’s almost like the opposite,” said Julia Fosnaes, a student from Denmark.

The interaction of students growing up in the U.S. and those growing up in a different country is important because it gives both groups a diverse sense of culture.

“They would look at different things that are being studied within the classroom from these many different perspectives, so that you have a much fuller understanding of what a certain topic might be, whether it be

advertising or whether it be education,” Foot said. “Whatever the topic is, you have various perspectives within that classroom.”

The perspectives of the 319 international students at Northwest are scattered throughout the University programs. A majority of the international students go to the Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies for degrees in business, accounting and finance. The international students also pursue degrees in fine arts, mass communication and pretty much any degree program Northwest offers.

“Thanks to the new friendships, I’ve come up with people who are also graphic designers, so I’ve come up with new contacts with people who could maybe help me find a job here if I want to stay,” said Jermaine Bosten, a student from the Netherlands.

The benefits from international students come with a price since the federal and state governments do not give any benefits to the University. It costs the University money to get international students to go to school at Northwest. The University tries to offer tuition to international students at the out-of-state student price as an incentive to attend Northwest.

With the semester ending soon, Northwest will continue to prepare to bring in the next round of international students.

Northwest provides veteran help

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Veterans and military families in Northwest Missouri now have a place to go for assistance.

Veteran service officers are now available to assist war veterans and military families.

“Veteran service officers (VSO) throughout the state assist veterans and their families with benefit information and claims assistance,” said Jessie Campbell, veteran service officer. The VSOs help in preparing forms, submitting applications, answering veteran’s letters and helping veterans get their Veterans Affairs benefits.

Without a VSO, veterans and student military personnel sometimes don’t get as much of the VA benefits as possible.

“Time is a big factor in VA claims,” Campbell said. “A veteran can file their own claims without a VSO, and it will take them typically two to three times longer to get the claim completed at the VA because they do not know the process, and the VA will have to teach them as they go.”

The partnership between Missouri Veterans Commis-

sions and Northwest has allowed the campus to have a reliable VA Source.

“This partnership brings resources practically to the doorstep of local veterans,” health educator Jennifer Kennymore said. “It gives them access to resources that they would have to travel over 80 miles round trip to get to otherwise.”

Kennymore wanted to better assist student veterans and local veterans. Kennymore partnered with the group Student Veterans Working and brought Campbell to Campus.

Northwest was named a military friendly school for the second consecutive year for its reputation of offering a positive experience for military students.

“I believe that even if we were not deemed a military friendly school, we still would have moved forward with finding a space for the VSO because it was an identified need, and as a University, we could help fulfill that need,” Kennymore said.

Campbell will be playing the part for free on campus, assisting student military personnel, veterans and anyone looking for military help. Campbell will be able to assist during the first and third Monday of each month.

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A black and white photograph showing several people in a martial arts dojo. One person is in a high kick, while others are in various stances or practicing techniques. The background is dark with some equipment visible.

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City officials to remove 5 more hazardous buildings

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As Maryville officials continue to make efforts at reviving off-campus living, the community will continue to see improvements.

According to City Manager Greg McDaniel, citizens will see the removal of five more unsafe and dangerous structures. These buildings have all been tagged as substandard or fall under the limits of the Campus Town Redevelopment Incentive Program.

These five buildings located at 916 E. Thompson St., 321 W. 6th St., 314 W. 3rd St., 121 S. Hester St. and one yet-to-be-named address, are only a small section of what the city has planned for the future and has already completed.

These specific structures will all be removed within the next 30-60 days, McDaniel says, and the property owner plans to begin rebuilding soon after.

“The city has a process for identifying unsafe and dangerous structures that is established through state statutes as well as municipal code,” McDaniel said. “This is, again, an initiative to work with the city and property owners to remove these structures and encourage development.”

The buildings tagged must be taken down by the owner within 60 days, or city officials have the legal right to remove it.

The CTRIP encourages owners to

redevelop properties by eliminating tipping fees as well as waiving building and demolition permits to landlords, which can save between \$8,000 and \$12,000 for property owners.

“This is an advantage for property owners to take advantage of the city and rebuild,” said Jim Wiederholt code enforcement officer. “This program will provide better options for student housing, and the changes are being seen.”

Wiederholt, who does building inspection for the city, has played a big part in the tagging of unsafe and dangerous structures and is constantly looking for areas of upgrade.

After demolition, property owners have a year to rebuild on the land, or they must pay back the city. In the current budget, the city has allocated \$75,000 towards building demolition to help run programs such as CTRIP.

Under the 40-block area east of campus defined as Campus Town, there have already been nine structures removed in the program's short existence, which consists of four homes and five trailers, as well as more than 20 throughout Maryville in the past two years.

The program will continue until April 2015 and then will be reassessed by the City Council.

“This is a really attractive option for a property owner who wants to demolish,” McDaniel said. “The people that have taken advantage of the CTRIP program are definitely seeing the benefits.”



BROOKLYNN SUMMERVILLE | NW MISSOURIAN
Many houses, such as this one at 916 E. Thompson Street, have been tagged “unsafe and dangerous” by Maryville officials. The city is set to remove five more of these structures as part of policies and the Campus Town Redevelopment Incentive Program.

Workers get ready as snow reports loom

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Some people rejoice when the first snowflakes of the season hit the ground, but for Jay Cacek, street superintendent of the Maryville Street Department, snow means work.

There are approximately 81 miles of road in Maryville to plow and salt when Mother Nature unleashes her winter fury. Even before the dust of a snowstorm settles, Cacek and his team hit the streets with the designated emergency snow routes at the top of their priority list. The city established these routes to provide the greatest ease of access for emergency vehicles and residents when inclement weather obstructs the flow of daily business.

Cacek and his team are also responsible for keeping abreast of city developments and ordering sufficient quantities of salt.

“Snow isn’t the biggest obstacle we face,” Cacek said. “It’s ice that causes the most problems.”

This year, the team switched to a new deicing spray called BIOMELT. Although none of the deicers the Street Department uses are ecologically hazardous, BIOMELT is easier on concrete, which the team needed because of street renovations Maryville completed this summer.

Salt is one of the most important goods the team needs in order to keep the city streets clear during the winter. The team orders the city’s salt from Kansas. They can store about



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
The Maryville Street Department will be using a new deicing spray along with snow plows, such as this one, to clear the city’s roads this winter.

350 tons, but because a big storm can drain nearly 70 tons from their cache, Cacek frequently resupplies during the winter months. Major storms in the past caused salt shortages, some of which resulted in price gouging.

“We’ve never dealt with price gouging, but it happens,” Cacek said. “A scarcity of salt is never easy to deal with, so we stay stocked.”

Once the team clears the emergency snow routes, it clears main thoroughfares and residential streets. Northwest Missouri State University and Maryville businesses handle its own snow removal.

“We hire a private contractor to do our snow removal because the local municipality funds the Street Department while the Post Office is self-sustained from the sale of postage stamps and is a federal entity,

which means they’re not responsible for us,” Maryville Postmaster Paul Eschbacher said.

Residents are not always thrilled to find their driveways blocked by mountains of snow from the Street Department’s plows; however, making the streets accessible provides a necessary service to the community at large.

Snow removal is a laborious and sometimes thankless task, but Cacek, a 28-year veteran of the department, knows that he and his team make it possible for the city residents to continue operating when wild forces threaten to thwart the best-made plans.

“It’s a lot of hard work and long hours,” Cacek said, “We get a lot of bad looks, but most people are happy we’re out there.”

Lawmakers push to pass critical farm bill

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With policies such as the Affordable Care Act and failures like the government shutdown the government’s been under heavy fire in 2013.

And those running the country have not been able to find cover under the farm bill.

Five years ago, legislators voted to extend the policies of the farm bill. That extension expired Sept. 30.

The farm bill sets federal agricultural policy and spending on food aid. It influenced the way the government uses the environment and natural resources, public health and nutrition, economic development and food security.

The first farm bill was implemented during the Great Depression to provide assistance to farmers who were seeing loss due to a surplus in crop and low prices. The last farm bill in 2008 cost nearly \$288 million for the United States.

Now members of the House and Senate are crunching ideas to agree on the bill before the year comes to an end, including Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill. If officials are unable to come to a conclusion before the end of December, producers as well as consumers will start to feel the affects.

Although the bill expired more than a month ago, the repercussions likely will not be felt until the beginning of the new year, some of which include a dramatic increase in milk prices and other dairy products. One source of disagreement between lawmakers is the reduction of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or food stamps.

“Unless they (create) a complete,

radical change, it really won’t impact us,” Kieran Wilmes said. Wilmes is the location manager for retail services at the local MFA Agriservices. The attitude created by the previous extension has created little expectation of the new deadline.

Additional ramifications of the new bill would impact commodity support, conservation programs and crop insurance, among many other agricultural services. Commodity and crop insurance is the major focus of several area producers due to the recent drought and further weather damage.

Local operations, such as Kinman Farms, are in transition and have collected crop insurance in the past because of hail storms and other weather conditions.

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, the top negotiators of the farm bill include Debbie Stabenow, Senate Agriculture Committee chairwoman, and Frank Lucas, House Agriculture Committee chairman. These and other politicians worked to come to a decision on the bill.

Talks and negotiations about the farm bill resumed in Senate Wednesday and Stabenow is confident that a bill could be ready as early as next week. Though an overdue bill won’t rattle the stock markets, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack told the Washington Post that “breakfast in the United States is going to be significantly more expensive.”

“Farmers and ranchers are anxious for a new, five-year farm bill to put an end to the uncertainty that’s looming over their plans for 2014 and beyond,” said Mary Kay Thatcher, American Farm Bureau Federation farm policy specialist.

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happen, there would be more activity in residential areas, and he hopes to find out how to handle the increase. “Conversation is always open to discussing how we can improve our services,” McCullough said. “We’re looking for that student feedback to see what should be changed.”

Green said that the program leaders are having conceptual talks of some changes to the program that would be dramatic upgrades for students.

First, Green and McCullough have discussed placing GPS sensors in vehicles that would let a student see where the shuttles are located.

Another possibility is to have multiple shuttles that run multiple routes through the city and residential areas to increase the effectiveness of the program. However, these will not be able to be made until they know what students want.

As Green and McCullough continue to discuss possible changes, they hope to receive student feedback so changes can be made in time for the fall semester.

“An important, intrical part of the program is student feedback,” McCullough said. “If students prefer one service over the other, it will give us some guidance on what to do.”

To give feedback about Safe Ride, students are encouraged to send any comments to police@nwmissouri.edu.

ENERGIZER

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“There’s an opportunity to shift the nation’s workforce toward green jobs,” Scott Cassel, CEO of the Product Stewardship Institute, told NPR on a Nov. 28, 2012 broadcast. “If we can use more rechargeable batteries and less of the single-use batteries, we’re actually saving resources.

“This is the price of innovation. This is what we need to look forward to in the world of greater sustainability.”

For Energizer, the decision is one the company had to make.

“These actions represent significant and necessary changes to our overall cost structure and organization,” Energizer CEO Ward Klein said in a Nov. 8, 2012 press release. “We have performed a thorough review of our current and future business requirements and have identified the changes that will support our long-term strategies to maximize cash flow in household products, enable continued growth in personal care and drive shareholder value.”

In the meantime, the city of Maryville will look to fill the vacant space to reduce the empty building’s impact on the city.

“There’s all kinds of things that could go in there,” Jonagan said. “I’m very optimistic that we’ll find a replacement in the next year.”

MHS

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them breathe,” senior lineman Jackson Morrison said.

The 30-game win streak never became a superstitious hush-hush topic, but rather a brash talking point for further motivation. Each win provided both an opportunity to reflect on where the streak was at, as well as where it could go.

“Some people don’t wanna talk about a streak or don’t wanna jinx it or this or that, but we take a lot of pride realizing you’re gonna get everybody’s best shot,” Webb said. “Everybody wants to knock off the defending state champion.”

Win No. 19 against MEC foe Bishop LeBlond turned into Maryville’s first true test. Trailing 16-12 after Golden Eagle quarterback Matthew McCullough galloped into the end zone with 3:59 remaining, sophomore running back Dakota Beemer and senior quarterback Trent Nally marched the Spoofhound offense down the field for a score with 51 seconds left.

“One of the closest (games I’ve played in) for sure,” Beemer said after the game. “There for a while I was like, ‘man, we’re in for it.’ But that last half we showed them what we wanted to do, and we came out and did what we had to do.”

Maryville passed its next three challenges with 30+ point wins against Cameron, Benton and Smithville before the task of heated rival Savannah at home.

Trailing 16-0 in the early stages of the fourth quarter, the Savages pieced together a 9-0 run. But

in the final 6:47, the Spoofhounds scored two touchdowns and bled four of the final five minutes out to seal a share of the MEC title and take the Highway 71 trophy.

Maryville cruised through the district section of the playoffs, but due to MSHSAA playoff rules, was forced on the road in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds at Oak Grove and California, respectively.

Nally played an efficient game against Oak Grove, completing five of his six passes for 137 yards while rushing for another 45. He scored five total touchdowns to earn a 42-20 victory.

In the semifinal matchup with the Pintos, Maryville struggled initially offensively, failing to gain traction against California’s stout defensive line. However, a fumble return for a touchdown from senior cornerback Dalton Pistole and late special teams plays sparked a 22-13 win.

The Spoofhounds, like always, stayed true to their bread and butter in both contests, winning the battle in the trenches when it counted to consummate a title berth.

“We found a way in the end to play tough and play physical,” Webb said following the win over the Pintos. “Football is not a hard sport sometimes. It’s about physical and mental toughness, and I think (against California) our guys really showed a great job of doing that.”

Nally finished the final campaign of his career with 147 rushes for 933 yards and 22 touchdowns to go with 1,092 yards and 13 scores through the air on 61-for-124 passing.

“We take a lot of pride realizing you’re gonna get everybody’s best shot.”

Matt Webb

Junior running back Brody McMahon led the Spoofhounds ground game with 199 attempts for 1,265 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Senior tight end Adam Thompson caught a team-high 22 passes for 418 yards and four scores.

Defensively, the Spoofhounds shined throughout the season, with contributions coming all across the board. Linebacking seniors Chris Dougan and John Schenkel and junior Tyler Coleman amassed 269 total tackles, with Dougan leading the way at 116.

“I can’t say enough about the fans and community that came and supported us and made this trip,” Webb said to wrap up the championship postgame press conference. “This has kind of turned into a Thanksgiving tradition, and we want to keep it going.”

Webb’s final words, along with Dawson’s frenzy of a finishing play, will hold in the minds of Maryville fans, players and coaches alike, serving as coal for this football locomotive. One thing is certain- although this season drew to a close, the streak is still alive and that train won’t stop rolling.

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Nov. 17
Subas Thapalia, 26, was charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of roadway at the 100 bock of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between Lanny R. Leivan Sr., 43, and Thelma A. Estes, 38, at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 18
There were three driver’s licenses and a bank card recovered at the 600 block of South Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 300 block of East First Street.

Kathryn J. Irvin, 71, Gravity, Iowa, was charged with driving while suspended and improper registration at the 1500 block of North Walnut Street.

Audra J. Harr, 22, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at the 1100 block of Brentwood Drive.

An accident occurred between Helzer E. Joyce, 54, Barnard, Mo., and Emily K. Schafer, 47, at the intersection of North Main Street and West Fifth Street.

Nov. 19
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1100 block of North Walnut Street.

An accident occurred between Robert M. Hall, 27, Stanberry, Mo., at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

An accident occurred between Laura L. Handke, 30, Atchison, Kan, and Vickie J. Kling, 63, at the 900 block of South Main Street.

Colton E. Dunphy 22, was charged with open container in a motor vehicle at the 1000 block of South Walnut Street.

Carah D. Sisk, 27, was charged with failure to register a motor vehicle and improper registration at the 200 block of North Main Street.

Nov. 20
Timothy P. Howell, 34, was charged with failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 700 block of East Edwards Street.

Nov. 21
An accident occurred between Dakota W. Peterson, 18, Maysville, Mo., and Blair N. Marshall, 21, St. Joseph, Mo., at the 400 block of South Main Street. Peterson was issued a citation for following too closely and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Gary Bowles, Richmond, Mo., at the intersection of North Mulberry Street and West Fourth Street.

Nov. 22
Michael D. Kerr, 22, was charged with affray at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Derry R. Demott, 21, Sheridan, Mo., was charged with affray at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Logan M. Thomas, 21, Walnut, Iowa, was charged with affray at the 300 block of North Market Street.

An accident occurred between Shalynn K. Durham, 22, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mohammed J. Maziani, 41, at the 500 block of West Ninth Street.

An accident occurred between Tommy D. Gaa, 64, and Daniel J. McCullough, 17, at the 1500 block of South Munn Avenue.

Allison M. Reed, 18, Agency, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 200 block of North Main Street.

An accident occurred between Andrew J. Beggs, 21, and Mitchell B. Wahlen, 24, at the 1900 block of South Main Street.

Nov. 23
Delaney L. Howell, 19, was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Chad A. Carlson, 28, Ottumwa, Iowa, was charged with supplying alcohol to a minor at the 300 block of North Market Street.

John G. Hagel, 20, Manchester, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and supplying alcohol to a minor at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Sarah E. Szczepanski, 19, was charged with minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of affray at the 300 block of North Market Street,

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 1500 block of East First Street.

Nov. 24
There is an ongoing investigation of assault at the 1000 block of North Main Street.

Nov. 25
There was a fire report from a vehicle accident and extrication at the intersection of Highway 71 and Route FF.

There is an ongoing investigation of lost/stolen property at the 900 block of College Avenue.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 100 block of Park Avenue.

An accident occurred between Christina L. Fierros, 46, Savannah, Mo., and Stephen B. Till, 24, at the 1400 block of East First Street. Fierros was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Nov. 26
There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 700 block of West Third Street.

An accident occurred between Markyeta L. Young, 20, and Karli E. Parr, 20 Omaha, Neb., at the 1100 block of North College Drive. Young was issued a citation for failure to maintain right half of roadway.

Nov. 27
Vinary K. Chikkatolu, 21, was charged with equipment violation and no valid driver’s license at the 300 block of North Buchanan Street.

An accident occurred between Norma J. Oermann, 75, Dittmer, Mo., and Tyler L. Mercer, 21, Albany, Mo., at the 1700 block of East First Street.

Nov. 29
An accident occurred between Wiley J. Davis and Jordan T. Harris, 22, at the 800 block of South Munn Street. Harris was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Nov. 30
There is an ongoing investigation of trespassing at the 300 block of East Summit Drive.

Dec. 1
There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 200 block of West Second Street.

Blotter from the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Department

Oct. 26
There was a report of property damage to a Maryville business.

There was a report of theft at a Guilford residence.

Nov. 2
Heather N. Cochran, 19, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested for possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana and unlawful use of paraphernalia.

Nov. 4
There was a report of burglary at a Maryville residence.

Chris Ferrare, 36, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for possession on a controlled substance except 35 grams or less of asynthetic cannabinoid.

Nov. 5
Bryon S. Savala, 46, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Nov. 6
Charles W. Sears, 80, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for DWI-Aggravated of-fender and property damage.

Jesse L. Jones, 23, Elmo, Mo., was arrested for driving while suspended.

Nov. 7
Latrishia M. Hamilton, 33, Stanberry, Mo., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Nov. 9
Jeffery Griffin, 37, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for possession of controlled substance except 35 grams or less of marijuana.

Nov. 13
Cody J. Scopel, 26, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for failure to appear and peace disturbance.

Nov. 16

Jeremy J. Martin, 22, Raymore, Mo., was arrested for operating a motor vehicle on highway while driver’s license revoked.

Nov. 22
Lucas Plank, 30, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for domestic assault.

Jason T. Bennett, 28, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for failure to appear and driving while revoked.

Year in Review

Taking a deeper look at the stories that grabbed headlines in 2013

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For most of this year, the opinion section of the Northwest Missourian has dealt with largely local and campus issues.

From the Daisy Coleman case to the dean search at Northwest, we weighed in on just about everything affecting the Maryville area. However, since this is our last issue of 2013, we think it's important to review the biggest national stories of this year.

To better understand various aspects of each story, we had several Northwest students present competing viewpoints on arguably the three biggest stories this year: the NSA scandal, Syria intervention and the rollout of Obamacare.

Civil War in Syria: POINT: “Hands off” policy necessary for Syria, Middle East



One would assume the United States government would have learned from past mistakes. It is hard for me to believe that many United States citizens would look at past and recent Middle East interventions and think that the United States made a positive or worthwhile impact. Regardless of this, upon Bashar al-Assad's horrific actions against his people, some government leaders deemed military action necessary in Syria. This, in my opinion, is idiocy.

Firstly, as wars in Iraq and Afghanistan proved, military action would most likely cause civilian death tolls to rise even higher than what al-Assad caused, which seems pretty counter-productive. Secondly, there isn't a Syrian military power that is supporting the involvement of the United States Military. Thirdly, there is no way to ensure risk-free military action. Vladimir Putin of Russia greatly supports the

Assad regime and China is adamantly opposed to any intervention. Therefore, there is no way the United Nations could sanction military action, as China and Russia are two of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. Action outside of this by England, France or the United States could potentially broaden conflict.

Intervention in the Syrian conflict, or any Middle Eastern issue for that matter, would make sense and probably have my support if there was any sure military or political objective. The United States does not have a plan in place for stopping the violence, let alone fixing a nation as a whole. The argument for intervention shows military action as the “right” thing to do against certain “wrong” actions, but as we have learned with Iraq and Afghanistan, it is never that simple. Military action in Syria, or any other Middle Eastern country, though arguably intended for good, will result in a series of events that could potentially increase conflict throughout the region and further endanger the lives of the Syrian people.

COUNTERPOINT: Intervention is justified, yet proven unnecessary



Remember just a few short months ago when the civil war in Syria was the hot topic of discussion for pundits and social critics?

Talk about the crisis hardly comes up any more despite the fact that hundreds are still dying and thousands are displaced every week. Much of this lack of coverage is due to the American public's apathy and disinterest for foreign affairs, but it is also in part because the threat of retaliation against Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad removed the need for further U.S. involvement.

To refresh your memory, President Barack Obama last year had “drawn a line in the sand,” letting the Syrian government know that the use of chemical weapons against its own population would warrant severe consequences from the United States. Having committed our nation, vague as it was, the president was justified in preparing a military strike against the Assad regime after it was proven that chemical

weapons were used.

For political purposes, Obama was willing to place the decision to retaliate in the hands of a deeply divided Congress, a gamble that might have backfired. Syrian officials, however, wisely decided that a confrontation with the United States could result in a stronger American military tie to the rebels, and agreed to immediate and unilateral destruction of their chemical stockpile, one of the largest in the world.

Since that decision, there has been little public debate over the morality, effectiveness or justification for a threat of military reprisal against a nation with which our nation is not at war.

While sound arguments can be made for both sides, I believe there is one ultimate measurement—that of real-world success. The Syrian government not only agreed to the destruction of its chemical stockpile, it is fully cooperating with United Nations oversight toward that goal. The United States maintained its prestige and credibility without having to fire a shot, achieved a practical and justified result and avoided becoming embroiled in a civil war.

Healthcare Law: POINT: Obamacare showing first signs of potential failure



The rollout of the Affordable Care Act, also known as ACA or “Obamacare,” has been less than desirable for the Obama administration as well as for Democrats everywhere.

Even if one wanted to sign up for the new healthcare program, it would only lead to a woeful experience ranging from the site freezing, locking you out, confusing directions, etc.

The way the legislation is designed, it needs healthy people to sign up for it and for those healthy people to be the vast majority over the unhealthy ones to subsidize the payments the unhealthy will need reimbursement for. If not enough healthy people sign up, insurers will have no choice but to increase insurance premiums for everyone else already signed up. Should that happen, those whose premiums were raised will most likely choose the fiscally responsible route and switch insurance carriers to a more promising plan – both in coverage and in costs (premiums).

This cause and effect phenomena has been labeled a “death spiral” in insurance and financial adviser circles. Columnist Jonathan Cohen puts it simply, “rising premiums prompt people to drop out (of coverage), causing premiums to increase even more.”

Some may think that due to the Obamacare rollout's less than stellar beginning, the conservatives will be jumping for joy... well that's not exactly the truth. Sure, the GOP will take notes on this and use it as ammunition in future political races, but truth be told, an adequately successful ACA rollout would've been ideal for the conservative position.

However, Ross Douthat, a columnist for the New York Times, states”... that with the Obamacare Medicaid Expansion, which happens regardless of the success of the rest of the ACA, and the initial failing of the rollout, we could potentially be left with a more socialized, debilitated system overall.”

All in all, there's plenty of room for improvement and little time for our country's leaders to get it done. Let's hope they do, lest we find ourselves worse off because of this legislation.

COUNTERPOINT: Problems with policy rollouts not uncommon



The Affordable Care Act has been beaten, maimed, torched, thrown, hobbled and knocked down by hordes of conservatives who don't even know what they are angry about.

Like many of the stalemates in Washington right now, the failure of the Affordable Care Act is manufactured in a last-ditch effort to keep the law at bay.

Following the monumental ruling of the constitutionality of the ACA in June of 2012, it seemed that opposition to the law would start to subside and improvements to our country's problematic health care system could be implemented.

Instead, the conservatives have started to shout even more loudly, as a child would if their parent had taken a toy away, attacking the law in any way possible.

On Oct. 1, open enrollment for the ACA began. State-run insurance sites seemed to work fine, but the national website, healthcare.gov, crashed. And continued to crash. Still, two months later, the website functions only spar-

ingly. After numerous updates and relauches, the website can now hold 50,000 people at the same time and would boast an enrollment of 800,000 people daily.

The workers maintaining the site say that improvements will continue to come. It is yet to be seen if improvements will come quickly enough for everyone to enroll before March, but it is getting better.

The thought of a failed policy should not be in play with the ACA. Problems with legislation rollouts are far from uncommon. The example many are pointing to is the Medicare Part D problems. The policy had the same problems at its start. Now, 17 years later, most of us had forgotten the issues and couldn't imagine not having the policy available.

When the website begins to function at a high level, the policy is implemented fully and people see the benefits, short and long term, of a healthy citizenship, where will the Republican party be?

When the policy works, and economists, political scientists and medical professionals all know it will, make sure you remember this vendetta-led opposition to the ACA.

Security vs. Freedom: POINT: Surveillance is justified, but changes are needed



Recently, the world was taken by storm following allegations from citizens claiming their rights were infringed upon by the National Security Agency and its tracking abilities. The United States Constitution clearly lays out the inalienable rights granted to all citizens of the United States. The government started to track people in the country following a Bush-enacted order after 9/11. He created the program to try to prevent another catastrophe from happening. Almost 13 years later, we see ourselves being tracked and recorded by a government that isn't going after certain targets but instead is data mining our emails and call logs to see if we are all terrorists.

Through the aid of whistleblowers like Edward Snowden and others, we have learned how the government does this. By establishing multiple centers around the country, agencies can reroute all of your online actions to both the de-

sired recipients but also to government-owned storage centers. There has been opposition on both the liberal and conservative sides. There has been opposition on both the liberal and conservative sides. They believe that no one should be searched, tracked or watched without the proper warrant or without notifying them beforehand.

As V from Alan Moore's novel, “V for Vendetta,” said, “the government should be afraid of their people, not its people afraid of their government.” The government is scared of its people and what we as a people can do; throughout history, most sides of opposition have been deemed heretics or terrorists. I think that the premise of the tracking/watching is important to protect the lives of American citizens, but at what cost? Changes need to be made. Do I care that the NSA can see me looking at cats with funny hats or tweeting about how bad finals suck? No. I do care about the fact they are not opening up to the voting citizens of this country and explaining why they are doing the surveillance or how effective it is. If it is a bunk system, then scrap it and start it over with something new. Overall, I support the surveillance because I have nothing to hide and neither should anyone else, but at least show what it is costing us to support and what the government is getting out of this.

COUNTERPOINT: Surveillance state in conflict with our Constitution



The National Security Agency scandal has rightfully drawn ire from conservatives and liberals who are becoming increasingly skeptical of our efforts to protect “national security.” Frankly, this most recent unwanted surveillance should be the last straw for any American hoping the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution still stands.

The Fourth Amendment explicitly protects Americans from unreasonable search and seizure without probable cause from a warrant. Now there are a few exceptions to this rule; however, operating a worldwide surveillance machine is probably not what the founding fathers had in mind.

Despite the obvious conflicts with basic tenets of our ideal democracy, the United States has built a vast intelligence empire that hinges on its ability to spy on its own citizens. Especially since the Sept. 11 attacks, our nation's fear of terrorism allowed this bureaucratic overreach to largely slip by most of our repre-

sentatives and by most of our fellow Americans. Liberals were screaming about it during 2006 when President Bush was wiretapping thousands of American phone calls overseas. With the Snowden revelations, everyone should know the monster we've created has been given too much power.

Many argue they have nothing to hide; therefore, the NSA scandal has no bearing on their lives. It is undoubtedly true that Americans won't have to worry about the CIA kicking down their door if they make a call to someone in Afghanistan. However, consider the structural implications of an increased surveillance state.

Do we really want a government that has continuous access to vast amounts of data regarding your text messages, emails and Internet activity that could be used against its political enemies? It's not unheard of in this country; J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI were infamous for this just a few decades ago.

Now, we've grown quite a bit as nation, and while that type of unchecked power isn't the norm, you can be sure it's happening. Just look to a humorous story that revealed NSA employees eavesdropping on girlfriends and wives. This was, of course, a crucial matter of national security.



HALEY VICKERS | NW MISSOURIAN
Northwest graduate Ryan Smith sits in the press room at Sporting Kansas City where he works as the event services supervisor.

INTERNSHIPS & SCORES

Northwest graduate earns event services position at Sporting Kansas City

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Everyone loves a good party. A twinkle of music playing, delicious food and a relaxed, yet energetic atmosphere is the key to a sophisticated event. Ryan Smith, who graduated from Northwest last May, includes all of these elements in his career and more.

Smith works at Sporting Kansas City, the city's professional soccer team, as the event services supervisor. But he didn't just land this high-demand job with no effort. Lots of work, preparation and experience went into being able to work with one of the best soccer teams in the nation.

Sporting KC has grown and taken off in the last year. The company has evolved as a team, business and event hostess. The number of events held at the stadium has grown over the past couple of years. Just this year, some of the biggest soccer events have been held at Sporting Park, including the All Star Game, MLS Cup and not to mention the city's largest annual event, the Flatlands Music Festival in Sporting Park.

The popularity of the team has skyrocketed since the KC Wizards transformed into Sporting KC. The stadium has been completely updated with the latest technology, TVs and of course, the event floors. And to brag a little more about Sporting KC, the screens in the middle of the stadium are the second largest in the world. The stadium itself is filled with 440 TV screens, which are all put to use on game day. The locker room for the team is spotless, covered in the deep blue that the team wears proudly. And to add a little extra, the seats in the stadium morph together a combination of blue and white to spell "Sporting" in bold letters. Anyone who has seen the stadium knows why Smith was drawn to it at first sight.

Smith scored an internship at Sporting KC his senior year as a Bearcat. His journey began when he started website hunting for an internship because everyone expected him to find one. His first internship was at Farmers Insurance, which he thought was an OK experience to have. But, his second internship landed him a gig at Sporting KC. He fell in love with the stadium and worked as an unpaid intern for his first semester with the company. He claims he wasn't that into soccer when he began with Sporting KC, but over time, you can't help but get roped into loving it.

"At first, I just fell in love with the stadium...I put a lot of time, effort and gas money into my unpaid internship here," Smith said.

Smith is originally from Thousand Oak, Calif. He chose to attend Northwest because his father attended many years ago. Smith started working at Sporting KC three days after he graduated from Northwest and plans to stay where he is for a while more. Sporting KC has become one of the top three revenue-generators in the league while Smith has been working.

He started his internship setting up rooms and moving furniture. He has worked himself up in the ranks to where he is today as a supervisor. As part of Smith's job description, he makes sure all of the events held or involved with Sporting KC go perfectly. His

job is to make sure the clients are happy and their events are set up and operate as smoothly as possible.

"The number of events has risen so much in the last couple of years. We have two to three tours every week to look at the event spaces," Smith said.

As the event service supervisor, Smith is in charge of drawing up what the client envisions the event to look like and bringing the rooms in Sporting KC to life. He plans the setup of the party rooms and organizes the little details of where everything will be placed. He is in charge of giving the client everything he wants, and bringing the client's dream to reality. He's the behind-the-scenes person who makes everything flow properly through the several events held at Sporting KC throughout the year. Sporting KC hosts about 125 events a year, which Smith is all a part of.

The Sporting KC players practice at a different facility than where Smith works, but that doesn't stop him from talking about the games with them. Smith has a coincidental connection with one of the Sporting KC athletes. Chance Myers, number seven on the team, went to the same high school as Smith. Myer and Smith realized that they have some mutual friends all the way from California.

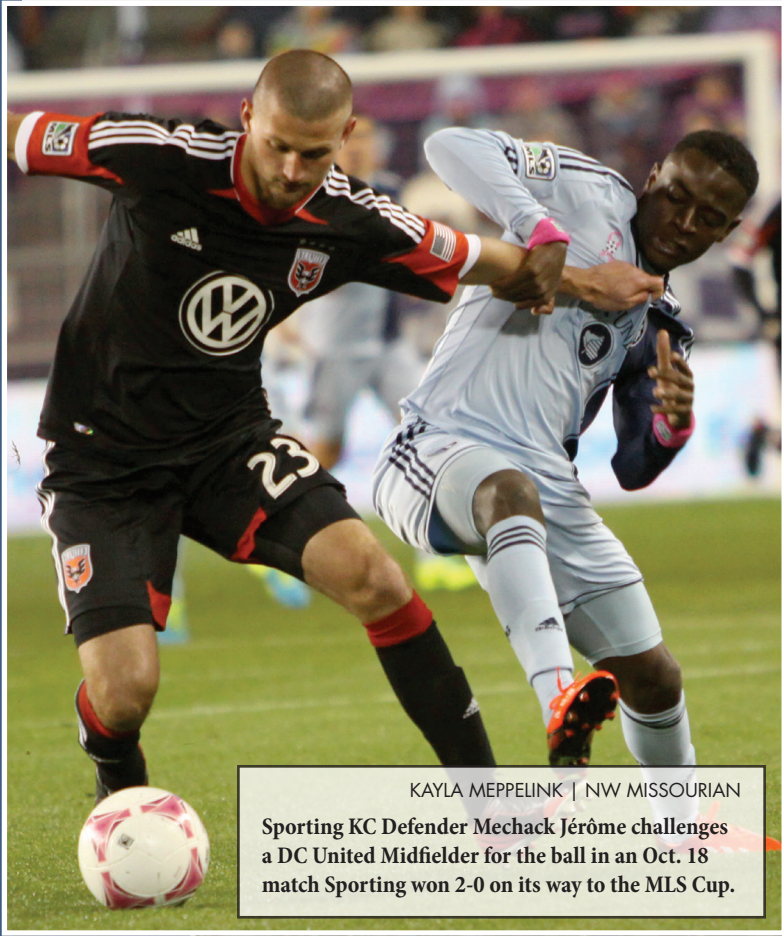
Smith believes that he has a reputation to uphold over and over again each time he does an event. He claims he is the "muscle" of the events. He loves how his job has changed as the events have improved and multiplied for Sporting KC. He used to be isolated as an intern, but as a supervisor, he gets to really interact with clients. He plays a vital role in making the clients happy and giving them exactly what they pictured. Each event is like "putting your baby into action."

Sporting KC has not only given Smith a stable career, it has also affected his nonprofessional life in several ways.

Smith laughs and tries to imagine his life without Sporting KC, "I would love to see myself out on my own without working here."

Smith now strives to have everything in order and tidy in his life. His career has caused him to constantly need everything proper and just right.

As Smith walks around the many party floors that are in the Sporting KC stadium, his pride in his accomplishments lights up his face. Not only has he fallen in love with the stadium, he has found his goal.



KAYLA MEPPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN
Sporting KC Defender Mechack Jérôme challenges a DC United Midfielder for the ball in an Oct. 18 match Sporting won 2-0 on its way to the MLS Cup.



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CROSSWORD

By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Across

1 Close one

4 Stout sellers

8 Archie Bunker's wife

13 Its members employ hygienists: Abbr.

14 Six-time All-Star Moises

15 Transit systems in Delhi and Paris

17 Campfire seat

18 What makes a man a man

20 1988 Tony-winning play inspired by a Puccini work

22 Parroted

23 Golf course regular, often

24 Backpacked beast

26 Hard water?

27 Fan mail encl.

28 Noisy bird

30 NATO alphabet word after November

32 Reef material

35 Sanctuary sections

36 Disco-era group known for the starts of 18-, 20-, 54- and 57-Across

39 Subject of the sports film "42"

40 Nemo's creator

41 Obviously impressed

42 Just out of the shower

43 You, to Yves

46 Scathing review

47 Tandoori bread

49 Get even for

52 Span. miss

54 Duracell R14's

57 First of a planned 26-book mystery series

59 NHL tiebreakers

60 Use a ring in a crib

61 Devastated Asian sea

62 "Are We Done Yet?" actress Long

63 Baseball features

64 Pulls in

65 Muddy home

Down

1 Where to find dates

2 Pueblo homes

3 ___ Beach: Southern California resort

4 Words before "the order of"

5 Stress-related ailment,

possibly

6 Physics Nobelists Niels

7 Wander online

8 Ed Asner has seven

9 "Gloria in Excelsis ___"

10 "___ ripoff!"

11 Like many bright aquarium fish

12 Post-hospital recovery program

16 Matzo meals

19 Big name in facial cleansers

21 Accessory with a suit

25 Athenian lawgiver

28 Binge

29 Painkiller with an Easy Open Arthritis Cap

31 Heaven's gatekeeper

33 Designer Mary-Kate or Ashley

34 Chrysler truck

35 ___ Lingus

36 Unpredictable occurrences

37 Complaint about blocked vision

38 Four-footed friend

39 Knocks on

42 Minnesota Lynx org.

Answers from Nov. 21

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A	F	I	R	E	A	S	I	A	T	H	R	U
R	E	C	O	N	Y	E	A	R	H	I	S	S

44 Risotto ingredients

45 "That makes sense"

48 Ranch measures

49 Awaiting a pitch

50 Facial cover-ups

51 Swift work

53 Old Spice rival

55 King of comedy

56 Lose steam

58 Electrical unit symbolized by omega

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Answers to Nov. 21

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3 9 6 1 8 5 7 4 2

7 2 5 4 6 9 8 3 1

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4 7 8 6 3 1 2 5 9

6 3 9 8 5 2 1 7 4

5 1 2 7 9 4 3 8 6

COUNTRY STAR WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

ALABAMA

ALDEAN

ATKINS

BLACK

BROOKS

BRYAN

CHESNUTT

CROW

DIXIE CHICKS

DUNN

HAYES

HILL

HOUGH

JACKSON

JONES

JUDDS

KEITH

LADY ANTEBELLUM

LAMBERT

LONESTAR

LOVELESS

LYNN

LYNYRD

MANDRELL

MATTHEWS

MCBRIDE

MCCREERY

MCENTIRE

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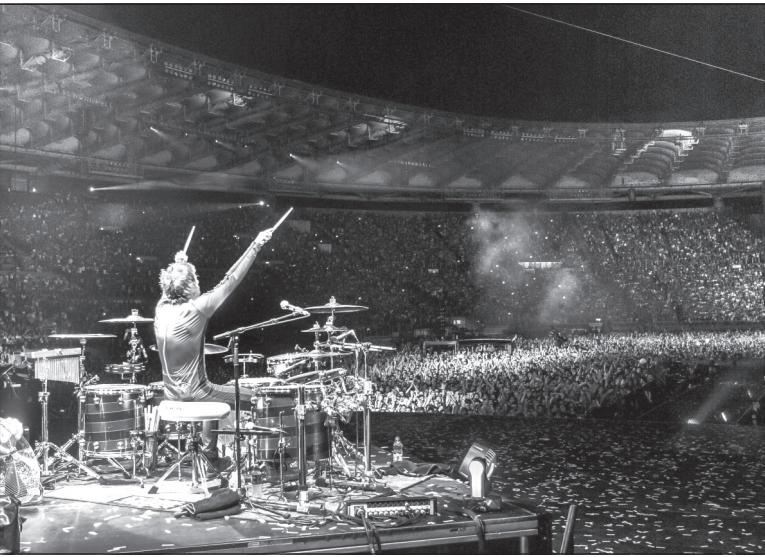
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This photo released by MUSE shows Muse in their 4K Ultra High Definition concert film, “Muse - Live at Rome Olympic Stadium,” in July 2013.

Muse rocks modern day concert film experience

HALEY VICKERS
Features Editor | @Hay_dayy

Muse has rocked with us since 1994 when the band made its breakthrough, and with its new concert film, “Muse: Live at Rome Olympic Stadium,” it doesn’t fail to disappoint. Fans can experience the band performing live at Olympic Stadium in London. This is the first ever 4k ultra HD concert film, where fans can kick back at home and watch a live Muse concert from their living-room couch. Music fans have never seen anything like this in high definition, 8.8 million pixel excellence before. This is four times more crisp than your average movie screen.

Muse is known for its high energy, live performances, but its new film tops all documentaries with an inspiring, intense concert experience. The film was shot during the band’s tour of its most recent album, “The 2nd Law World.” This was the band’s eighth world-wide tour together and there are many more to come.



Rating: 4/5
Album: Muse: Live at Rome Olympic Stadium
Release Date: Dec. 2, 2013

The film features the band performing songs such as “The 2nd Law: Unsustainable” and “Supremacy” in front of a crowd count of about 60,963 Muse fans.

This hardcore album really gets fans pumped, which is obvious when watching the film. With powerful lyrics, Matthew Bellamy belts, “You don’t have long/I am on to you/The time, it has come to destroy/Your supremacy.”

Muse also throws it back and performs one of its most widely known songs, “Uprising,” a single from 2009.

This film is sure to give fans a modern concert experience and blow the minds of all Muse groupies. The Times called it “the rock concert equivalent of a blockbuster movie.” But personally, I think Muse fans can expect way more than just your average film. Extreme Muse with a powerful, booming voice and instrumentals will be displayed front and center in your own home.

‘Catching Fire’ fans feel the heat

ASHLEY BROWN
Missourian Reporter | @BounceThatAsh

And the countdown begins: 50, 49, 48, 47, 46... The cannon fires, exploding sparks of fire when the countdown arrives at one. The 75th Hunger Games, the Quarter Quell, have begun.

These games have an unusual twist from the past years that Panem has held the games. This game includes the victors from previous years. These hopeless champions are entered and required to battle once more. That is primarily where the awesomeness and excitement of this wonderful film begins.

“The Hunger Games: Catching Fire” was definitely an emotional roller-coaster ride. Katniss Everdeen and her surprising, new lifelong-partner, Peeta Mellark, have returned home safely after the 74th Annual Hunger Games. Being the talk of the revolution, they are entitled to leave their families and close friends to embark on a “Victor’s Tour” of all 12 Districts and the capitol of Panem.

The couples’ emotional, long and tortuous journey begins here. They have to face all the families and loved ones of the opponents who were killed during the previous game, even if they were their cause or reason of death. How these two brave champions developed the courage to complete these difficult tasks is unbelievable.

The games are full of wonderful, bright animation that makes you feel as if you are inside the games yourself. From poisonous gases, to wild vicious monkeys, this movie will keep you on your toes and waiting anxiously to see what happens next.

The games have an unusual ending where Everdeen is injured and not in the right state of mind to really know what is happening. The ending of the film makes you want more and leaves fans yearning for more action, romance and rebellion.

The next film in the series, “Mockingjay-Part 1” is set to release Nov. 21, 2014, and “Mockingjay Part 2” is rumored to follow Nov. 20, 2015. “Catching Fire” does exactly what



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Catching Fire, directed by Francis Lawrence and starring Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson opened Nov. 22 at \$161 million.

it’s supposed to do as the second film in a series. It takes the characters, themes, battles and rules that it sets up in the first film, and it expands

the revolution, twisting and turning things upside down, making the film more juicy and building outrageous anticipation for the next few films.



Rating: 5/5
Movie: The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
Director: Francis Lawrence
Actors: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
Release Date: Nov. 22, 2013

THE STROLLER: Your Man wants to exercise in peace

The Student Rec. Center, or as I fondly refer to it, “The Poor Person’s Gym.” It’s the place where all of us slackers go to work out. We aren’t dedicated enough to pay for the Fitness Center or the almighty Community Center or motivated enough to buy actual workout clothes. We are used to the stale smell of sweat permeating the weight room floor, the incessant squeak of basketball shoes on all three courts, and the occasional blast of music as we run past the speakers. But the number-one reason we go to the Rec. Center is because no one else does. It is nearly empty all the time.

Soon, though, my peaceful and sometimes cathartic workout is going to be ruined. And I blame it all on New Year’s. In January, people flock to the gym—my gym. My sweaty, empty, maybe-I’ll-workout-in-jeans gym. They want to lose weight, get rid of those five or six or 30 pounds they gained first semester. Which, of course, they can’t do alone. Why bring one friend when you can bring half your dorm? The track becomes crowded with chubby, blubbery girls chatting as they slowly walk their laps. The bicycles are taken by those who are even lazier. And my favorite, the people who get the mats out

and then lay on them doing nothing. Truth be told, I can handle this. The New Year’s resolution people slowly stop going to the gym, so no big deal, right? Wrong.

I’m looking at you Spring Break. You bring out the absolute worst type of gym person: the sorority girls. One or two working out is no problem; they bring in their Cosmo workout guides, grab a mat and hide in some corner. But when I’m sitting on my bike and the majority of the people around me are wearing matching outfits, I throw up a little. I get it: sisterhood. But clones? That’s taking it a little too far. I also don’t care if you are going to Panama City or South Padre, so stop yelling to your friend three feet away. Better yet, use some of your T-shirt money and pay to go to the Fitness Center so I can exercise in peace!

I don’t mean to be so...actually, I do. So Northwest, when you return from Christmas break, please refrain from remembering the Rec. Center exists. Those of us who use it now would like to be left to do our poor person’s workout in peace.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Billboard Hot 100 Songs

1. Royals - Lorde
2. The Monster - Eminem ft. Rihanna
3. Wrecking Ball - Miley Cyrus
4. Counting Stars - OneRepublic
5. Wake me Up! - Avicii
6. Demons - Imagine Dragons
7. Roar - Katy Perry
8. Timber - Pitbull ft. Ke\$ha
9. Hold On, We’re Going Home-Drake ft. Majid Jordan
10. Let Her Go - Passenger

Billboard Top 200

1. The Marshall Mathers LP 2-Eminem
2. The Wrong Side of Heaven And The Righteous side Of Hell:Volume 2-Five Finger Death Punch
3. NOW 48 - Various Artists
4. Duck the Halls: A Robertson Family Christmas
5. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire - Soundtrack
6. Baptized - Daughtry
7. I Am Yo - Gotti
8. PopArt - Lady Gaga
9. Wrapped in Red - Kelly Clarkson
10. Cities 97 Sampler//Live From Studio C:Vol. 25-Variou Artists

WHAT’S HOT

The New “Sound of Music”

NBC is presenting a modernized version of the movie classic “The Sound of Music.” The live show stars country music singer Carrie Underwood and airs today at 7 p.m. CST.

“The Walking Dead”

Holy blood shed Batman. The hit AMC zombie show’s mid-season finale had Twitter in a frenzy and avid watchers on the edge of their seats. What are we to do until February?

Kansas City

Sporting KC will compete for the MLS Cup for the first time under its new name. Oh, and the game is Saturday at Sporting Park in Kansas City. After also hosting the 2013 all star game, KC is making a case for soccer capital of America... north that is.

WHAT’S NOT

“Family Guy” Loss

Brian, the family dog, died last week on an unusual episode. The producers look to change the dynamics of the show with the new loss. But “Family Guy” fans are left with one question...Why?

Miley’s Christmas Spirit

The singer showed off her stuff during a video shoot for UK Love’s Magazine Christmas Issue. She wore reindeer antlers and a little black cape, which she pulled up to expose a drawing of a penis on her nude-colored leotard.

Bye-Bye Roseanne

Actress/comedian Roseanne Barr, from the ‘90s sitcom “Roseanne” has announced that she is done with the television industry. She joked that she was switching over to porn and claims that she has been insulted for over a year by the industry.

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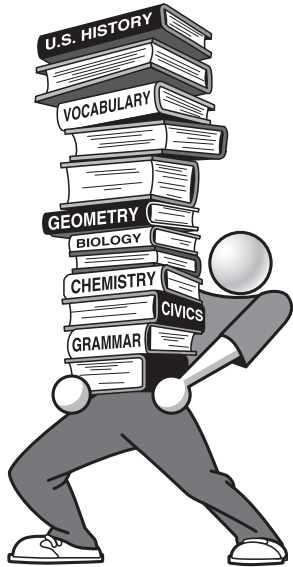
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Historic window transformed into home treasure



The window arch that once stood high in the Administration Building is now a part of the Bush family home. Bob Bush acquired the window after the Administration Building fire in 1979.

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Few students who stroll down the white tiled floors of the historical, dusty Administration Building know of the tragedy that unfolded there in the past.

In 1979, the building caught fire, and the Northwest campus would never be the same. Fire trucks rushed in from St. Joe, smoke filled the air and the roof collapsed as students stood around to take in the scene.

Bob Bush, a former Bearcat student, former employee of Northwest and a member of Maryville's Public Art Committee, has a story of his own that twisted this awful event into a positive memory with the help of his wife, Betty Bush.

The Bush family now owns four sets of the historical arch windows that once were part of the auditorium. One set of the 10-foot windows is placed in their current home. The new and improved windows sit between the couple's family room and a sparkling, glassed-in porch, which Betty designed herself.

The couple lived in Maryville when the Administration Building burst into flames. They looked through the window of their previous home and saw the puffy clouds of smoking drifting up from the building. Bob worked in the building during that time, but was home when the fire erupted.

"The crying and the sorrow of the people that were in that front yard, just standing there, helpless, watching this huge structure and all that it represented...It was a scary moment for all of us," Bob said.

Two days after the horror unfolded on campus, the University president at the time, Bob Owens, announced a vision to repair and make Northwest better than it ever had been before. Northwest had lost the auditorium, admission department and many offices during the surprise demolishing of the building.

Owens suggested a brand new library and auditorium that would expand campus and be separated from the Administration Building. At first, it was a huge shock to faculty members to consider building or rebuilding not one, but three buildings. It would have been an \$18 million project to rebuild the once combined Administration Building versus the \$13.7 million it took to build the separate structures that we have today on campus.

"In some ways, that fire was a miracle that opened up so many opportunities for the institution," Bob said.

The Bush family was building a house in the Maryville area at the same time the Administration Building was getting new, aluminum windows placed. Bob noticed the intriguing arch windows that once stood proud in the auditorium of the Administration Building. He decided to see who they belonged to. He approached the contractor with one question, "Do the windows belong to you or the University?"

The crumbling, roughed-up windows belonged to the contractor, and Bob offered to pay for them, but the contractor declined and said, "You'll have to take them all...just get them out of here."

"In some ways, that fire was a miracle that opened up so many opportunities for the institution."

Bob Bush

The Bush family eventually stripped and repainted the windows a creamy white to let the light seep into their home. The windows adds a little something special to the room, a touch that nothing else could provide. In the evening, the sun shines through the famous windows and aluminates the family's cozy living space. The couple is proud to display their home and the beautiful windows hidden inside, but the windows themselves represent more than just a sun-filled room to the Bush family.

The couple had always loved the windows, even when they were part of the old auditorium building. The arches resemble a walk down memory lane, and a long Northwest adventure for the family, which is still going.






Bob says what is most important about the windows is they bring back fond memories of the old Administration Building built in 1905.

One set of the window arches still lays untouched in its original wood form. The family is unsure what will happen to these windows in the future, but suggested maybe the University would have a special place for them to be admired.

"You have no idea how much Betty and I have enjoyed just sitting there, enjoying the arches," Bob said. "And thinking about the atmosphere it creates...It's just a special place for us to go."

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